

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 18 and 19. The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A light source device comprising:

first and second light sources which emit light; and

a light guide plate having a planar light exit surface, a curved light reflecting surface opposite said light exit surface, a first light-emitting region which is provided in an area other than the neighborhood of the first light source and which has a first lighting element provided on said light reflecting surface for taking out, through said light exit surface, light guided from the side of the first light source, and a second light-emitting region which is provided in an area other than the neighborhood of the second light source and which has a second lighting element provided on said light reflecting surface for taking out, through said light exit surface, light guided from the side of the second light source;

wherein the first and second lighting elements comprise fine irregularities evenly formed on the light reflecting surface of the light guide plate; and

said curved light reflecting surface is formed to have the thickness of said light guide plate decrease gradually from the central part to the side end face, and said first

lighting element takes out light guided from the side of said first light source with higher efficiency as the distance to said second light source is smaller, and said second lighting element takes out light guided from the side of said second light source with higher efficiency as the distance to said first light source is smaller.

4. (Previously Presented) A light source device according to claim 3, wherein the light guide plate has light-reflecting elements for reflecting light on end faces thereof which are opposite to the first and second light sources, respectively.

5. (Previously Presented) A light source device according to claim 3, wherein each of the first and second light sources is a plurality of point light sources which are provided side by side.

6. (Previously Presented) A light source device according to claim 3, wherein the first light source is provided near the second light-emitting region and wherein the second light source is provided near the first light-emitting region.

7. (Previously Presented) A light source device according to claim 3, further comprising:

a first light guide region for guiding light from the side of the first light source to the first light-emitting region; and

a second light guide region for guiding light from the side of the second light source to the second light-emitting region;

wherein the first and second light guide regions are provided in the single light guide plate.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A light source device according to claim 3, further comprising a light source driving circuit for causing the first and second light sources to emit light at a predetermined flashing frequency at predetermined timing which is different between the light sources.

10. (Previously Presented) A light source device according to claim 3, wherein the first and second light-emitting regions are divided into respective plural parts which are alternately arranged.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A light source device according to claim 3, wherein a plurality of the light guide plates are provided such that they are optically independent of each other.

13. (Previously Presented) A display comprising:
a display panel having a display area including a plurality of pixels;
a driving circuit for supplying a predetermined drive signal to the display panel;
and
a light source device for illuminating the display panel;
wherein the light source device is a light source device according to claim 3.

14. (Previously Presented) A display according to claim 13, wherein the display panel is a liquid crystal display panel having a pair of substrates and a liquid crystal sealed between the pair of substrates.

15. (Previously Presented) A display according to claim 13, wherein the first and second light-emitting regions are arranged in a direction in which the display area is scanned.

16. (Previously Presented) A display according to claim 13, wherein a flashing frequency for alternatively driving the first and second light source of the light source device is equal to a frame frequency of the display panel.

17. (Previously Presented) A display according to claim 16, wherein the driving circuit performs multi-scan by causing the first and second light sources to flash at the flashing frequency, and by turning on the first and second light sources to emit light at a timing which is set based on a predetermined phase difference of the drive signal to the display panel.

18. (Currently Amended) A light source device comprising:

first and second light sources which emit light; and

a light guide plate having a planar light exit surface, a curved light reflecting surface opposite said light exit surface, a first light-emitting region which is provided in an area other than the neighborhood of the first light source and which has a first lighting element provided on said light reflecting surface for taking out, through said light exit surface, light guided from the side of the first light source, and a second light-emitting region which is provided in an area other than the neighborhood of the second light source and which has a second lighting element provided on said light reflecting surface for taking out, through said light exit surface, light guided from the side of the second light source;

wherein the first and second lighting elements include a light-scattering layer screen printed on the light reflecting surface of the light guide plate; and

said curved light reflecting surface is formed to have the thickness of said light guide plate decrease gradually from the central part to the side end face, and said first lighting element takes out light guided from the side of said first light source with higher

efficiency as the distance to said second light source is smaller, and said second lighting element takes out light guided from the side of said second light source with higher efficiency as the distance to said first light source is smaller.

19. (Currently Amended) A light source device comprising:

first and second light sources which emit light;

a first light guide plate having a planar light exit surface, a light reflecting surface opposite said light exit surface, a first light-emitting region which is provided in an area other than the neighborhood of the first light source and which has a first lighting element provided on said light reflecting surface for taking out, through said light exit surface, light guided from the side of the first light source; and

a second light guide plate having a planar light exit surface, a light reflecting surface opposite said light exit surface, a second light-emitting region which is provided in an area other than the neighborhood of the second light source and which has a second lighting element provided on said light reflecting surface for taking out, through said light exit surface, light guided from the side of the second light source;

wherein the first and second light guide plates are stacked to have said second light-emitting region and the neighborhood of said first light source one on the other, and said first light-emitting region and the neighborhood of said second light source one on the other, and the first and second lighting elements comprise fine irregularities evenly formed on the light reflecting surface of the light guide plate.